Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Joel R. Boyd's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Boyd has devoted more than 21 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a member of Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 147th Field Artillery; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Boyd continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Staff Sergeant Boyd for over 21 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2008, as

STAFF SERGEANT JOEL R. BOYD DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State